

said banknote holder includes a holder plate which partitions banknotes stored in said cash casing so that some banknotes can be stored on said ~~banknote~~ holder plate while other banknotes can be stored beneath said ~~banknote~~ holder plate; and

said banknote holder includes a banknote depressor for depressing ~~depresses~~ the banknotes stacked on said ~~banknote~~ holder plate.

2. (Currently Amended) The cashdrawer apparatus in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

a banknote depressing spring assembled in said banknote holder for giving a resilient force for depressing the banknotes stacked on said ~~banknote~~ holder plate, and

a hook equipped at one end of said banknote depressing spring with a diameter larger than a diameter of a main body of said banknote depressing spring, [[and]]

wherein said hook has a hook end directed upward so as to prevent an operator's finger from being injured by said hook end when the banknotes are stored in or taken out of the cash casing.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The cashdrawer apparatus in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

a coin casing serving as part of a cash casing; and

a banknote insertion slit laterally extending as a clearance between said coin casing and said cash casing.

4. (Original) The cashdrawer apparatus in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein

a balance weight is provided at a rear side of a cashdrawer body so as to prevent the cashdrawer from leaning forward, and

said balance weight is positioned so as not to cause interference with a drawer open-and-close mechanism.

5. (Currently Amended) A cashdrawer apparatus comprising:

a push plate located at a rear end of a drawer;

a swing lever positioned near said push plate and swingable about a swing shaft when said swing lever is pushed by said push plate;

an operation lever engageable with an engaging shaft of said swing lever so as to shift in a predetermined direction during a swing motion of said swing lever, said operation lever disengaging from said engaging shaft of said swing lever when said drawer is closed; and

a microswitch operative in response to a shift motion of said operation lever for counting the number of times the drawer is opened or closed, ~~so that~~ wherein

said microswitch is depressed by a microswitch lever which is shiftable together with said operation lever, so that said microswitch is depressed only when said engaging shaft is brought into contact with said operation lever operation lever is engaged with said engaging shaft and shifts in said predetermined direction, thereby preventing chattering of said microswitch.